

Introduced by Senator Battin

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13— Relative to Child Abuse Prevention Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Battin. Child Abuse Prevention Month.

This measure would acknowledge the month of April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention activities in their communities and schools.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect continue to pose a
2 serious threat to our nation's children; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1996, more than 3,000,000 children were
4 reported to child protective agencies in the United States as
5 having suffered abuse and neglect; and

6 WHEREAS, It is estimated that for every three dollars spent
7 on the prevention of child abuse and neglect, at least six dollars
8 are saved that might be spent on child welfare services, special
9 education services, medical care, foster care, counseling, and the
10 housing of juvenile offenders; and

11 WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a community problem
12 and finding solutions depends on the involvement of people
13 throughout the community; and

14 WHEREAS, The first organized statewide Blue Ribbon
15 Campaign was originated in Norfolk, Virginia, by the
16 grandmother of Bubba Dickinson, a child who was murdered by
17 his mother's abusive boyfriend; and

1 WHEREAS, In recent years, the National Committee to
2 Prevent Child Abuse, the California chapter and other local
3 affiliates, United States military bases, and other groups have
4 organized Blue Ribbon Campaigns to increase public awareness
5 of child abuse and to promote ways to prevent child abuse; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse,
7 in all its forms, has proclaimed April as National Child Abuse
8 Prevention Month; and

9 WHEREAS, Blue ribbons are displayed to increase awareness
10 of child abuse and as a strategy for Child Abuse Prevention
11 Month; and

12 WHEREAS, This year's campaign is entitled ____; and

13 WHEREAS, The flexibility of this program offers numerous
14 opportunities to be innovative and to create partnerships within
15 business, professional, and community organizations; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
18 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature does hereby
19 acknowledge the month of April 2005 as Child Abuse Prevention
20 Month, and encourage the people of the State of California to
21 work together to support youth-serving child abuse prevention
22 activities in their communities and schools during that month and
23 throughout the year; and be it further

24 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
25 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.